

did this also to increase their knowledge and to make religion pleasant to them by a daily addition to their former light, and to draw them on with desire and delight."

To this some will offer the objection, that it is contrary to the spirit of a Christian teacher as represented by the apostle Paul. But Paul's talent and training were such that he could speak in the humble manner of himself, as he did without detracting one particle from his own great gift as a religious teacher. Tho some may find fault with his logic and with his figures, they must still admit that his superior or equal is not to be found.

And today the world is looking for men; for strong, talented, cultivated men to lead it from the disturbances of worldly life into a more peaceful and heavenly. This should be a part of the mission of the Brethren church. But where are our strong men to receive their training? In the near future we hope, in Ashland College.

We would not have Asland College put on a sham garb and try to appear as a university, nor at present as a really high grade college, but let it do the work it does do, as thoroughly as that work can be done anywhere, and perhaps by the time a few classes have thoroughly completed their foundation work the college will have gained strength and equipment to go a few steps higher, advancing little by little until its work and courses will measure up to any college in the land.

But, perhaps, the principle cause of the decline of denominational colleges is their large number. Mr. Curtis says, "three-fourths, nine-tenths of the denominational colleges must die that the remainder may live." What has this to do with the future of Ashland? It teaches us that if other denominational colleges dwindle and die because of a lack of undivided support in endowments and students, that the Brethren church cannot support one college unless it is loyal and consecrates its means and children to the success of our one college.

No college can succeed without students, and unless our fathers and mothers have a sufficient love for their own church institutions to support them loyally in every way we can not hope for success.

Finally, the future of Ashland depends largely upon the position our pastors take in regard to the college, and the zeal they show in keeping a live interest in their home congregations and the pressure they bring to bear upon their own young people in trying to persuade them to attend our own college.

The greatest honor in the world is to be a messenger of God.

Home Circle

The Little People

John G. Whittier.

A dreary place would be the earth,
Were there no little people in it;
The song of life would lose its mirth
Were there no children to begin it;

No little forms like buds to grow,
And make the admiring heart surrender;
No little heads on breast and brow
To keep the thrilling love chords tender.

The sterner soul would grow more stern,
Unfeeling nature more inhuman,
And man to stoic coldness turn,
And woman would be less than woman.

Life's song indeed would lose its charm,
Were there no babies to begin it;
A doleful place this world would be
Were there no little people in it.

An Infamous Verdict

The verdict in the Dreyfus case yesterday was an outrage on humanity. All thru the civilized world—wherever the human heart throbs to a sense of justice—a cry of horror will go up against this shocking infamy—this astounding advertisement of falsehood, fraud and cruel persecution of a helpless wretch, as the ingredients of the thing known as patriotism among the officers of the French army. Unless the French nation has enough of the spirit of truthfulness and courage left to secure in some quick form the justice which its court-martial has denied the crime of yesterday will call aloud not merely for reparation, but in years to come it is to be feared for vengeance—and probably not in vain.

This extraordinary trial has not been an affair of Dreyfus merely or of France, but of humanity itself. The verdict of guilty upon testimony that, as the saying runs, would not only not hang a dog, but which would exonerate even the worse suspect from further suspicion, would be a libel upon human intelligence if it were not publicly seen to be the calculated and malignant persistence in falsehood and wrong doing for the purpose of screening the gang of highly-placed conspirators who engineered the initial villainy. Those who, having followed the reports of this trial, rub their eyes with amazement at the verdict that is returned need only reflect that the court-martial was appointed, if not actually by the Generals who were prosecuting Dreyfus, then by those in open league with them, to understand why the renewed condemnation of the unfortunate man was steadily and correctly advertised as a foregone conclusion from the start.

If it be said that the officers of the court understood the matter best, and that after all it is but the conviction of a Frenchman by Frenchmen, and not a case for international feeling, the answer is that even the Government representative knew better when addressing the jury yesterday he declared "It was a case for the whole world." It is not because one man is made a victim that the whole world will express its contempt and indignation over the proceedings in re

Dreyfus, but because in those proceedings the intelligence and love of truth, justice and fair play which prevails among every civilized people have been insulted, and chicanery, forgery, falsehood and persecution have been crowned with success.

The question now is whether there is enough vital force in the Government of France to remove the stigma that this verdict sets upon that country. Even in the present dark situation it must not be forgotten that there was enough of that vitality to bring Dreyfus back from Devils Island and to secure him at least this form of a new trial. President Loubet is supposed to be the strongest and best President France has had in late years. He will probably find that the storm sure to arise from this Dreyfus scandal threatens abundant wreck if nothing further be done. It is not too much to say that as one of the first results the great Exposition of 1900 will have cold water poured all over it, while the very Government itself will be in danger from the military cabal, which has been audacious enough to carry on the travesty of justice in Dreyfus' case. Indeed, to save themselves from the menace of further trials and repetitions of their embarrassing experiences of the past month it is like enough that the military gentlemen are already plotting such a change of rulers under their own auspices as will forever secure them from new trouble with Dreyfus. Thus the affair, as they see it, would prove at once their escape and their opportunity.

But such historic wrongs as this do not go unpunished. If France cannot rectify the infamy it is greatly to be apprehended that unfortunate country will have more to fear from the future than the mere alienation of the respect and good will of contemporary peoples.

Sisters' Society C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Christian Endeavorers:—Having just begun the work since conference, there is but one meeting to report, that of last night at Roann, which, in its financial result is most encouraging. Besides a good offering for a small audience, each of the following took a five dollar pledge for the Theological Fund: Mrs. Irene Clayton, Mrs. Ella Leslie, Mrs. Laura Bowman, Mrs. Harvey A. Pottenger and Mrs. Sarah Kennedy.

May the Roann church always be supplied with an able minister. The society here has a fine force of sisters, but there is much room for more in the church to join them.

October is almost here, one of the harvest seasons for our national treasurer. Shall it be a bountiful harvest? You can make it such, we cannot.

According to the report at the National Conference, forty-five societies raised during the year, \$2233 32, including dues and free will offerings. Of this sum only \$222 80 was remitted to the general treasury as its